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Rich and Lisa:

Several Qs from AP were routed to us from the EOC.

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Laura

1) Had Gold King Mine been designated a Superfund site, what would have been the chances of the spill happening?

4) Was a preliminary assessment ever completed on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?

5) It's my understanding that the EPA has said a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the water in the Animas. Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover?

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To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Subject: Fw: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Hi All,

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From: Thomas, Latosha on behalf of EOC Public Information
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:17 PM
To: EOC Technical Specialist
Cc: Gartner, Lois; Wells, Suzanne; Stalcup, Dana
Subject: Re: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Thanks! I will send those on to the region.

From: Dreyfus, Melissa G. on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:14 PM
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Subject: Re: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Hello,

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Thanks

Melissa

From: Thomas, Latosha on behalf of EOC Public Information
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:30 PM
To: EOC Technical Specialist
Subject: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Hi,

These are a subset of questions from Associated Press re: Superfund and the spill. Thanks!

- 1) --had Gold King Mine been designated a Superfund site, what would have been the chances of the spill happening?
- 2) --how many mines are currently on the National Priorities List? Can we get a list of those or is there a way to search on the Superfund website?
- 3)--is there a gauge of how often resistance to a Superfund designation by local officials has prevented a site's listing?
- 4)-was a preliminary assessment ever completed on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?
- 5)--it's my understanding that the EPA has said a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the water in the Animas. Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover?